The Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Debt Conciliation Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—I move that the Cochin Debt Conciliation Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur).*—I second it.

Mr C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar *(Chittur Rural).*—I oppose it. Mr. President, Sir, this is the last occasion on which I take objection to the enactment of such a drastic legislation which tends to be expropriatory in character, and consistent with the attitude that I have taken over this Bill from its very inception I feel that I will be failing in my duty to my constituents and to myself if I let go this last opportunity of entering my emphatic protest against this enactment. This attitude that I am taking, I believe, is the one that any one will take after dispassionately going through all the provisions of the Bill. All my attempts at so modelling this Bill as to make it acceptable to all parties concerned proved futile. Knowing as I do the present constitution of this Hon'ble House, I will not at all be justified in entertaining any hopes about the success of my amendments. But the attitude or, may I say, the change of attitude displayed by the Government over this important legislation is really surprising and even distressing. A Government which vehemently opposed this Bill being referred to a Select Committee, now is found solicitous about the safe passage of this Bill with all its obnoxious provisions. To an impartial observer it will be patent that this Bill has not undergone any material change at the hands of the Select Committee and so this change of front on the part of the Government becomes still more surprising. Long before the Bill was even taken up for consideration the Diwan assured the House that the Government would help the opposition on the Debt Conciliation Bill. I was surprised a bit at hearing the voluntary assurance and was wondering what brought about this transformation on the part of the

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